The **Irregular Past Tense** verbs below are known by most children by 7 - 9 years. Please review them with your child.

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| Present/Past Verbs  7 – 8 years | Sample sentence | Date: | Date: | Date: | Date: | Date: | Date: |
| Drink/drank | Today I drink lemonade. Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lemonade. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hide/hid | Today the little boy will hide in the tree. Yesterday the little boy \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the tree. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ring/rang | Today the teacher will ring the bell. Yesterday the teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_ the bell. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sleep/slept | Tonight I will sleep in my bed. Last night I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in my bed. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Draw/drew | Today the artist will draw a picture. Yesterday the artist \_\_\_\_\_\_ a picture. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dig/dug | Today the dog will dig a hole. Yesterday the dog \_\_\_\_\_ a hole. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Swim/swam | Today the fish will swim. Yesterday the fish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Present/Past Verbs  8 – 9 years | Sample sentence | Date: | Date: | Date: | Date: | Date: | Date: |
| Leave/left | Today we will leave school at 3:20. Yesterday we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ school at 3:20. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Catch/caught | Today the outfielder will catch the ball. Yesterday the outfielder \_\_\_\_\_ the ball. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Slide/slid | Today the penguin will slide on his belly. Yesterday the penguin \_\_\_\_\_\_ on his belly. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hang/hung | Today I will hang up my coat. Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up my coat. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Send/sent | Today the teacher will send us to recess. Yesterday the teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_ us to recess. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shake/shook | Today the janitor will shake out the rug. Yesterday the janitor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out the rug. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Build/built | Today the carpenter will build a house. Yesterday the carpenter \_\_\_\_\_\_ a house. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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For more of a challenge:

\_\_\_\_ Change the order in which you present the verbs.

\_\_\_\_ Use a different example sentence for your child to complete.

\_\_\_\_ Say only the present tense form of the verb and ask your child to make up his/her own sentence using the irregular past tense form of the verb.

\_\_\_\_ Ask your child to write the irregular past tense verb on a piece of paper.

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